

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Compartmentation Security Subcommittee
FROM:
Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Two Man Rule

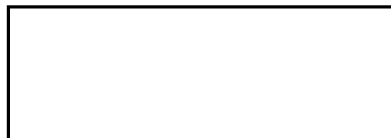
1. There have been a series of requests for interpretations of DCID 1/19 provisions related to the two man rule.

2. It is generally acknowledged within the Community that the end purpose of the two man rule is a desirable goal but that realities force exceptions. Among the more common exceptions are the need for one communications officer to man an SCI facility at some time and the recognition that some circumstances advocate permissiveness for a single individual on due appointment and authorization to handcarry SCI in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. Both cases may be authorized on an ad hoc or continuing by name basis by the SIO.

3. Unfortunately this interpretation has not been authoritatively promulgated and area and regional security personnel or officials in charge of SCI facilities have not been comfortable without some form of evidentiary pronouncement to this effect. They have requested a written interpretation of these points.

4. Would you present the issue to your Subcommittee members and arrive at an acceptable statement for consideration of the Chairman and Members of the Committee.

5. Attached for your information is a short interpretation I drafted for CIA.



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Attachment